

United States District Court
For the Northern District of Illinois
Western Division

STANDING ORDER ESTABLISHING MEDIATION PROCEDURE


Commencing with all initial pretrial conferences that occur after January 3, 2003, the Judge or Magistrate Judge conducting that conference shall discuss with the parties the pilot mediation program that is being established in the Northern District of Illinois, Western Division, pursuant to this Standing Order.

The following documents are being promulgated by the court with the *Standing Order* and are appended to this *Standing Order* and are part of the *Standing Order* entered by the court.

- A. A comprehensive set of rules governing the administration of the pilot program for mediation entitled *Local Rules for Alternative Dispute Resolution Mediation*.
- B. A modified Case Management Order.
- C. Evaluation Forms to be filled out by the mediators, the parties and the attorneys participating in the mediation program
- D. Pamphlet entitled *Opportunities for Alternative Dispute Resolution*.
- E. Mediator Certification of Session form (to be completed at the end of each mediation session).

All of the above forms are also available at the Clerk's Office and on the court's web site at www.ilnd.uscourts.gov. Failure of either party to comply with the substance or spirit of this *Standing Order* may result in dismissal of the action, default or other sanctions appropriate under Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 or 38, 28 U.S.C. §1927, the incorporated rules governing the pilot program for mediation, or any other applicable provisions.

E N T E R:



PHILLIP G. REINHARD, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DATED: December 13, 2002